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Smithsonian Institution

United States National Museum

Washington, Jan'y 17. 1888.

Hon. James T. Kimball,

Director of the U. S. Mint

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Secretary.



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January 17, 1888.

S. P. Langley, Secretary  
Smithsonian Institution

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Treasury Dept.

Bureau of the Mint

Jan 25, 1888.

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*James P. Kimball*  
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